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NEXT MEETING

Thursday

APRIL 24, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Redwood Multipurpose Center
3100 South Redwood Road

APRIL PRESENTATION: "SO-CALLED DOLLARS"

**PLEASE PULL YOUR NAMETAG FROM THE BOARD
BEFORE 7:00 P.M. TO QUALIFY FOR THE
PROMPTNESS PRIZE:
A SILVER FRANKLIN HALF DOLLAR
REMEMBER TO SIGN THE LOGBOOK.**

We will also hold a drawing for one winner of all Junior Members in attendance. The prize will be a "N.U.T.S. Good for \$5 Token"

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE FIND OF THE MONTH

*****Be sure and enter for our
other prizes*****

YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Wilson



April is here and we find ourselves one quarter into 2008. Our membership has doubled and attendance at meetings has quadrupled. We are having some growing pains. I have been approached by several members who are concerned with the "noise level" at the meetings. These members have asked that I announce that all cell phones be turned off at the start of the meeting. Please take the time to realize that you are disturbing the other members with your talking on the phone AND to each other during the meeting. Some organizations go as far as to install a sergeant at arms. This is a person

in charge of making sure the doors are closed and there are no disturbances during the meeting. I hope that the membership will exercise common courtesy to everyone and this will never become necessary.

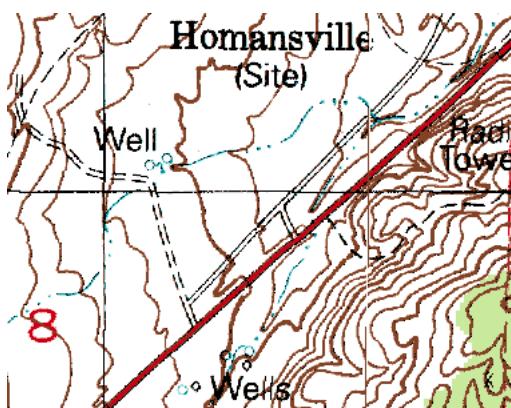
One of our members conveyed to me that they would not attend meetings because there are too many kids in attendance. This is one opinion I must respectfully disagree with. In

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GHOST TOWN NEWS

Brief History of Homansville

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USGS 7.5 Minute Series Map "Eureka"

site which would become Homansville eventually reached 300 inhabitants. Stampmills, smelters, and charcoal kilns comprised the "industrial" structures of the town while saloons, a general store, houses and a city park completed the picture.

Early smelters were owned by the Eureka Mining Company and the Utah Smelting & Milling Company. The latter's mill was called the Clarkson and began operation on June 17, 1871 with ore coming from the Scotia, Swansea and Eureka Hill Mines. Operations ended in 1872. In 1873 a ten-stamp, four

amalgamation pan smelter was built called the Wyoming which operated until 1886.

Homansville's longest and most useful function was that of being a source of water. The Bullion Beck and Champion, and Centennial-Eureka Mines purchased springs at Homansville for wa-

ter. A 4-inch pipeline was run from Homansville to the summit at Eureka where water collected into two 20,000 tanks. The Centennial-Eureka then pumped their portion of the water to their mines. (I am assuming that water was used for both culinary and industrial purposes.)

According to one source the railroad reached Homansville in 1876 (Thompson). The rail line allowed ore to be transported to Eureka where the smelters were more efficient, thus Homansville's life was dealt a severe blow.

Another source states that in 1892 the Tintic Railroad completed a line from Springville to Homansville to Eureka in 1892 (Carr). This al-



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The blackened rocks are the remains of the Charcoal Kiln
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An old pump house just south of the Homansville site. Copyright Chad Carter www.cartsphoto.com

lowed ore to be shipped to Salt Lake, again Homansville's well being suffering.

In either case the ability to transport ore to bigger and better smelters saw the decline and the need for Homansville's services dwindle. This led to smelters shutting down, people and businesses moving away and the beginnings of a ghost town.

Homansville was used again in 1916, being a site for a lime quarry operated by the Chief Consolidated Mines.

Sources:

Carr, Stephen L. The Historical Guide to Utah Ghost Towns (page 95). Thompson, George A. Some Dreams Die: Utah's Ghost Towns and Lost Treasures (Pages 69-70).

Notarianni, Philip F. Faith, Hope, & Prosperity: The Tintic Mining District (Pages 21-22, 31, 106).



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Brick remains of Charcoal Kiln
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MEMBER SUGGESTION: If it is not too late I make the following proposal, if deemed appropriate, to the NUTS club members:

Recently I have heard various members comment on the raffle drawing offers not being flashy or the like, other than the traditional gold coin, of course. I also feel there has been a lack of "eye candy" or other exciting offers. I am not trying to offend anyone but maybe it is time for something different. Since we are supposed to reviewing and voting on any possible by law changes, I suggest to the membership the following to think over and consider on voting about this also.

1. Why not have members volunteer a month before to have one or two (3?) bring in some of their own duplicates, items no longer wanted or needed, that they want to sell, etc. such as tokens, coins, and related items to have the club purchase for the raffle. A predetermined cost minimum and maximum being set with a predetermined amount of items to bring in. An example could be 25 items a month that would appeal to a wide variety of people, with a value of at least \$5.00 to \$25.00, not totaling over \$200 a week that the club would pay a reasonable amount requested by the "seller". If 2 people were selected, 12 items each or as agreed to. A follow up phone call / email would have to be made as a reminder to that person.

Anyone abusing the system would be prohibited from being a submitter. Any unfair amount requested would / should be obvious and board members would have a final combined determination.

A similar idea is being used by The Bath Collectors Club of Bath NY where I come from. Many items were very underpriced by the seller, very nice, odd, varied, etc. as collections are. Some people obviously wanted to impress others. This would / could help everyone get rid of unwanted items (not junk), supply extra money to individuals, and bring out some interesting stuff as collections vary widely. Each month was usually quite different and interesting.

2. The club would continue to supply a gold piece and a silver piece monthly.

3. I also propose the idea of having a choice of what you win as a prize by having "pick of 2 or 3" items. When one is picked, another is "thrown in the ring" so to speak. A narrow choice would

keep time picking to a minimum and would allow a more favorable item available to many at times. I personally like (maybe dare I say LOVE) Canadian. Maybe you are one of the ones who throw Canadian coins in the gutter. Well if a 1967 50 cent Canadian coin and an American Indian cent were the choice, guess which I would pick? Which would you pick? If I got the Indian cent I would still be happy, how about you? Now if you had to take the Canadian coin it would be different. Also this would allow for something as a narrower interest (say a book Q. David Bowers) to be put out early so that it would go to someone who would appreciate one.

Just a few ideas to kick around. Remember, change and variety is the spice of life.
New things = new people. **Jim Brockson**

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PERSONAL EXHIBITS (at coin show)

1. Exhibits must be entered in one of the following categories:
 1. Tokens and Medals
 2. U.S. and/or Foreign Coins
 3. Currency and Scriptophily
 4. Junior
 5. Hand-held collectibles (other than those previously listed)
2. The point system used in the judging of exhibits is as follows:

35 pts Information measured in terms of educational value to the viewer
30 pts Arrangement and Originality, Manner and Presentation
15 pts Completeness, Range, Scope, and Variety of Coverage shown by the Exhibit as it relates to the exhibit title or theme
10 pts Condition, Quality of exhibit material compared to the highest known quality of like material
10 pts Rarity, considering condition of exhibit material
3. Awards will be given by the Exhibit Chairman to 1st and 2nd places in each category, People's Choice, and Best of Show. All other exhibitors will receive a participation award.
4. Exhibitors must be a member of one of the UTAH coin clubs. Exhibitors may have only one (1) exhibit per exhibitor. Entries will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis according to these rules until all available space is allocated. Applications will be accepted until one (1) day before the show begins.
5. Exhibits must be set up by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the show. Take down and clean up may begin at the earliest two (2) hours before the show ends and must be complete at the latest one (1) hour after the show ends.

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my opinion we have too few young members in attendance. I have seen very few times when children have caused a great deal of disturbance, and most moms are responsible enough to rein in their young charges.

It has always been the goal of this club to be a family oriented group and to my way of thinking that means kids are welcome. The next time you are at a meeting take a look around. There is a lot of gray hair here (mine included.) The only way we can keep this organization going is by attracting younger members. Also if you want your collectibles to maintain some kind of value there has to be someone who is willing to buy them. If no collectors want to buy them, then even dealers won't pay for them.

When it's time to decide who gets your collection and it goes to a child or grandchild, will they realize that it has value? Will they understand why Grandpa enjoyed searching for these things? Will your collectibles be sold to a pawn shop for next to nothing? Will they get thrown out with the rest of the "old junk?" I can tell you this happens all the time. If the young people show no interest in your hobby it's one thing. But if you never take the time to teach these impressionable minds and never show them the enjoyment you get from your hobby, then you have no one to blame but yourself. I know it is hard to compete with the internet and video games but please at least give it a try. You may find a new treasure hunting partner.

One suggestion will be implemented this month. The drawing

drum and the sale of tickets will be moved to the rear of the room. When it's time to draw the tickets the drum will be moved to the front. This should help with some of the chaos. Although our \$500.00 dollar prize drawings have come to an end we are buying over \$400.00 in prizes for this month's drawing.

Now on to other items. Thanks to all of you who contributed designs for the clubs medal. And thanks to Officer Jeff Kolva for speaking to us. A word to the wise is always welcome. Last month also saw the beginning of our treasure hunt. The first clues were given out at the meeting by Bob Campbell. The clue is printed in the newsletter but if you want to get the clues first you have to attend the meeting.

Our coin show is approaching very quickly: this is what pays the bills. All other sources of monies amount to only a small part of what the show brings in. Please volunteer your time to help with set-up, take-down and with the hospitality table. You will be rewarded with additional tickets for the Christmas drawing and you will know that the club is solvent for another year because of your efforts.

This month's program will be on so-called dollars. "Coin collectors and dealers have used the term "so-called dollars" to designate medals of near dollar size, at first of a commemorative or exposition, later of a monetary kind." These items are varied and sometimes very rare. This presentation should be timely, as this year for the first time in over forty year the so-called dollar book has been revised and is available for sale. I will look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

We would like to welcome the newest members of the NUTS club:

Alan Christensen
of Ogden, UT

Kenneth Dale Smith
of Salt Lake City, UT

Brandon N. Phillips
of Eagle Mountain, UT

Johnny Gallegos
of Tooele, UT

Robert M. Koniar
of Tooele, UT

Kris Moyes
of Salt Lake City, UT

Harley R. Lorenz
of Salt Lake City, UT

The design by Kris Moyes commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America was voted on and chosen to be our medal for 2008.

A CLUB MEMBER IS ORGANIZING A 5 WEEK BUS TRIP TO ANTARCTICA FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING THE FIRST TO DETECT ANCIENT ANTARCTICA COINS AND ARTIFACTS. PROVES TO BE AN INTERESTING AND EXCITING TRIP FOR ALL WHO CAN PARTICIPATE. IF INTERESTED CALL 1-800-UR2-NUTS AFTER 5:00 CALL 1-800-RU4-REAL?

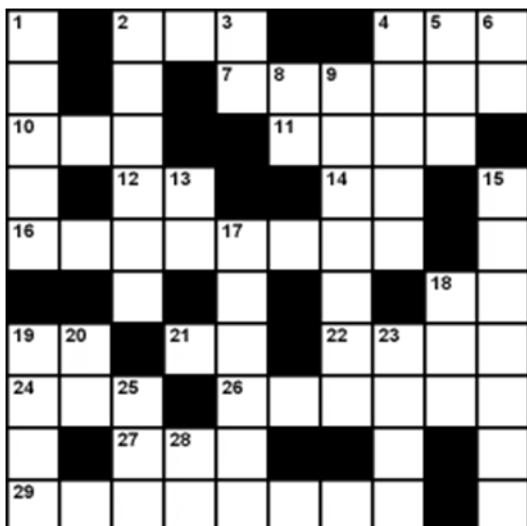
THE BY-LAWS THAT WERE PRINTED IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER HAD MINOR CHANGES AND WERE VOTED ON AND ACCEPTED BY THOSE AT THE MEETING. THE MINOR CHANGES ARE: #1 - ARTICLE III SECTION 4, STRIKE THE WORDS "AND COUNTERSIGN ALL DISBURSEMENTS ORDERS OR CHECKS". #2 - ARTICLE III SECTION 4 - COMPLETELY STRIKE THIS FROM THE BY-LAWS. #3 - ARTICLE IV SECTION 3, CHANGE THE WORD PROFITS TO "MONIES."

Metal Detectorist's Code of Ethics

- I WILL respect private property and do no metal detecting without the owner's permission.
- I WILL fill all holes and excavations.
- I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife and private property.
- I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.
- I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.
- I WILL leave gates as found.
- I WILL remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.
- I WILL NOT litter.
- I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.

NUTS MEMBERSHIP IS \$10 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR \$15 FOR A FAMILY. PLEASE SEND CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO NUTS AT PO BOX 651071, SLC, UT 84165. INCLUDE YOUR NAME (ALL FAMILY MEMBERS) ADDRESS, HOME AND CELL PHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS.

2008 SPRING CROSSWORD



Across

2. Solar system's central body
4. A short jump
7. Awards in science, medicine, and agriculture
10. Belonging to us
11. To tear or rip
12. I am (contraction)
14. South Dakota (abbreviation)
16. Circulating, uncirculated, proof
18. California (abbreviation)
19. Opposite of stop
21. Post meridian (abbreviation)
22. A guided walk through a facility
24. Raw metal
26. Carrier, often made of woven reeds
27. Number of time travelers to 1956
29. A building that's part of the United States Mint

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Down

1. The fanciest coin finish
2. The season after winter
3. New Mexico (abbreviation)
4. They hold crayons when you color
5. Opposite of new
6. Postscript (abbreviation)
8. Emergency room (abbreviation)
9. New Mexico's driest areas
13. Michigan (abbreviation)
15. A 3-month part of the year
17. A Zia drawing that represents the Sun
18. A special signal
19. A mistake
20. Oregon (abbreviation)
23. Fine and dandy; no problem
25. Et cetera (abbreviation)
28. Wisconsin (abbreviation)

THE MINTING PROCESS REVEALED

STEP Step 1: Blanking

All coins start as a sheet of metal. The United States Mint buys metal strips that are about 13 inches wide and 1,500 feet long. These strips are wound into giant coils, which are easier to move. Each coil is fed through a **blanking press**, which punches out round disks called **blanks**. The strip of metal that's left over is called **webbing**. It's shredded and recycled—usually into another sheet of metal. The Mint doesn't make blanks for pennies—it buys them. However, the Mint supplies **fabricators** with the copper and zinc that are used to make the penny blanks.



2: Annealing, washing, and Drying

Because nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollars are all different sizes, so are their blanks. They're even a mix of different metals. But all blanks need to be prepared before they can be minted.

First, the blanks are heated in an **annealing furnace** to soften the metal. Then, they are run through a **washer and dryer**. This makes the blanks nice and shiny!



Step 3: Upsetting

It's not the bad blanks but the good ones that are upset. Why is that? Because upsetting is the next step in the process. A machine, called an **upsetting mill**, raises a rim around the edge of the blank. If you run your fingers around a coin, you can feel this tiny raised edge!



Step 4: Striking

At this point, the round piece of metal is still a blank. This makes sense—it doesn't yet have the design and lettering that make it a coin. The process of adding these items is called **striking**. The upset blanks go through the **coining press**. All at once, this machine strikes the pictures, amount, and mottoes onto both sides of the blank. Now it's a genuine United States coin!



Step 5: Inspecting

Not all coins are ready to circulate. Some need to be remade. That's why after they're struck, coins must be **inspected** before they can leave the Mint. First, the press operator uses a magnifying glass to **spot-check** a new batch, making sure that the designs and inscriptions came out right. Then, the coins are put through a **coin sizer**. This machine screens out any misshapen or dented coins.



Step 6: Counting and Bagging

Now the coins are ready to leave the Mint!

First, an automatic **counting machine** drops coins into large canvas bags. As it does this, it keeps track of the number of coins it drops. The **bags** are sewn shut and loaded onto pallets. Then forklifts move the pallets to storage vaults.



When a Federal Reserve Bank needs more coins, the Mint ships them in an armored truck. Your local bank gets all new coins from the nearest Federal Reserve Bank. Then as the bank gives out change, the new coins make their way to you!

Find of the Month Rules

1. Only N.U.T.S. members can enter items in the Find of the Month competition.
2. Entries in Find of the Month must have been found since the last monthly meeting (Exception: Finds for the March meeting can be from December through March)
3. A member needs to be present at the club meeting to enter their items.
4. Prizes will be awarded for the three best displays. This has no bearing on the Finds of the Month.
5. An item can only be entered in the name of the person who actually found it. For example, if Junior finds it, it must be entered in Junior's name and not to Dad's name even if Junior is using Dad's detector.
6. Only one item may be entered in a single category. Example: A group of coins found together cannot be entered as one item. But a group of coins that are attached or fused together would be counted as one item.
7. If a member attempts to enter an item in a category for which the item does not qualify, the member will be asked to enter it in the correct category or remove it as an entry.
8. Questions about Find of the Month competition should be directed to the Club Wagon Masters. The Wagon Masters will be the final judges on any situation that arises.
9. Points on the voting results will be based on the following:
 - a. 1st place-----4 points
 - b. 2nd place-----3 points
 - c. 3rd place-----2 points
 - d. each item entered-----1 point
10. Each category winner will receive a mercury dime.
11. The month's points will be added and the individual with the most points will be Treasure Hunter of the Month and awarded a prize.

VEGAS CASINO SELLS HISTORIC OLD COINS, GOLD TOKENS TO CALIFORNIA FIRM

Spectrum Numismatics International has acquired historic items from the personal collection of gaming pioneer Jackie Gaughan of the El Cortez Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. (Irvine, California)

Hundreds of silver and gold coins, silver bars and specially-made gold \$1 and \$5 denomination gaming tokens that were stored for decades in the vault of a well-known downtown Las Vegas casino have been purchased by Spectrum Numismatics International of Irvine, California. They will be offered to collectors worldwide next year.

"These items are from the El Cortez Hotel and Casino that was built on Fremont Street in 1941 and are from the personal collection of well-known Vegas gaming pioneer, Jackie Gaughan, who has owned the historic hotel since 1963," said Ronald J. Gillio, Numismatic Acquisition Coordinator for Spectrum who arranged the purchase.

The purchase price was not disclosed but Greg Roberts, President and CEO of Spectrum, said the competitive bid was "in the six figures."

The transaction included hundreds of century-old silver dollars and silver dimes, quarters and half dollars all struck before 1965; \$5, \$10 and \$20 denomination U.S. gold coins minted before 1932; over 100 silver bars; and gold versions of gaming tokens struck in the 1980s for the El Cortez and the Union Plaza Hotel, another downtown property also owned at the time by Gaughan.

"A small number of gold gaming tokens were specially made in 1988 when the El Cortez and Union Plaza had thousands of non-precious



metal slot machine and gaming table tokens struck by the private Van Brook Mint in Lexington, Kentucky. It's truly a historic and matchless collection," said Gaughan.

Spectrum now has purchased all ten of the \$1 denomination Union Plaza gold tokens produced in 1988. The company also acquired six of the gold \$1 and three of the gold \$5 El Cortez gaming tokens that were also struck in the 1988.

"The items will be made available to the public in the coming months," said Roberts.

The El Cortez has continuously operated at 600 East Fremont St. in downtown Las Vegas since it was opened as a 59-room hotel in 1941. Several years later it was sold to a group that included the legendary Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel. Today, under Gaughan's ownership, the recently renovated hotel has 300 rooms and is a major part of the revitalization of the downtown area.

For additional information about Spectrum and the Gaughan/El Cortez items, contact Spectrum Numismatics International at [\(888\) 828-2646](tel:(888)828-2646) or

(FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY)

\$500.00 Reward Treasure Hunt

The _____ for the _____ is located under a _____ the exact coordinates _____ an _____ buried under the ground its longitude _____ and latitude _____. The parks official name and address is _____ Park, _____ Utah _____. Look for the token inside that says All About Coins, treasure token \$5.00 (21 mm brass.) After finding the spot to start, look due _____ and walk _____ and use your metal detector to find it. Call my cell phone number to confirm the find. (801) 414-6623 Good Luck! Bob Campbell

CLUE #1, 2, 3 THE THIRD CHARM ON A BOX OF LUCKY CHARMS. (COUNT LIKE YOU WERE COUNTING THE STARS ON A US COIN)

Attendees in March already have this clue. Attend in April and get your clue early.

Meeting Dates for 2008

*January 24	*July 31
*February 28	*August 28 - Summer Picnic
*March 27	*September 25
*April 24	*October 23
*May 22	*November 20
*June 26	*December 18 - Christmas Party

We will also have "Find of the Month" in March through November (excluding August) **Note** that you may only submit original "finds" since the previous N.U.T.S. meeting (normally 30 days.)

WAGON MASTER BRIAN JESSOP



APRIL 2008 PRIZE DRAWING

Matts Place G/F \$1.00 in trade,
Helper UT

Riley's Place G/F 12 1/2 cent in trade,
SLC UT

H&M Stores G/F 25 cents in trade, SLC UT
Weber Central Dairy, G/F 1 pint milk,
Ogden UT

Joe Green's Tavern G/F 10 cents in trade,
SLC UT

Carbon Emery Stores G/F 1 stick powder,
Hiawatha UT

Sunrise Dairy G/F 1 gal milk, Hurricane UT
1863 Army & Navy Civil War Token
Combination Bar G/F 5 cent drink or cigar,
SLC UT

(3) Mom's Carwash Token, Sandy UT
Saltair Bar G/F 10 cent, SLC UT

H & A G/F 5 cents in trade, Ogden UT

Copper King Pool Hall G/F 12 1/2 cents in trade,
Bingham UT

Copper King Pool Hall G/F 5 cents in trade,
Bingham UT

Independent Coal & Coke Co G/F 1 Electric
Exploder, Kenwilworth UT

Fred Kuster G/F 12 1/2 cents Drink or Cigar
only, SLC UT

America's 200th Christmas Commemorative
Medal 10K Gold

America's Bicentennial Commemorative
Medal 10K Gold
1/10 oz Gold Eagle

MEDALS CHAIRMAN

Don Swain

We still have encased Utah quarters available. We have not decided on a sale price for the 2008 medal because of fluctuating silver prices. They should be available for purchase in May with a June delivery date.



We had 40 members in attendance at our March meeting.

The Junior Prize was awarded to Jacob Lewis.

The Promptness Prize was awarded to Eldon Farnsworth.

The Top Prize was awarded to Chris Benson.

**AS OF APRIL WE ARE
88 MEMBERS STRONG!**



BRIAN JESSOP HAS ALL THE TICKETS FOR THE DRAWING AT THE N.U.T.S. SPONSORED COIN SHOW IN JUNE. THE TICKETS SELL FOR \$1 EACH. IF YOU PURCHASE 10 TICKETS YOU RECEIVE THE 11TH TICKET FREE. IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE SOME TICKETS TO SELL PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN ON HIS CELL PHONE AT 801-580-4460.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE DIRECTORY AT THE APRIL MEETING. THIS IS NEW AND I NEED TO CONFIRM YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANYTHING ADDED, CHANGED OR DELETED. THANKS, MARY



DIG THIS

SUBMITTED ANONYMOUSLY

1. Real Quick: How many different denominations have been minted by the US Mint, in any metal, since 1793? The \$1.25 mules do not count. Okay, I'll let you think about it. **(Answer below)**
2. Speaking of the \$1.25 mule, do you know what that is? The Phil. US Mint in early 2000 (a slim chance it may have been late 1999) mistakenly paired a Sacagawea Dollar reverse die with a similar sized State Quarter obverse die. Each die had its own denomination on it. Most were caught and destroyed prior to release. Some appear to have entered circulation through normal distribution channels. Some are thought to have been removed by dishonest employees. At least 10 are known.
3. Some error coins were discovered to have been removed from the US Mint by an employee hiding the coins in the oil filter of forklifts. They were then removed by a cohort who worked for an outside contractor contracted to service the forklifts when they were removed from mint property to be serviced. Arrests were made. I forgot what coins were involved.
4. Many years ago some collectors would "mark" their coins for identification. Some would scratch an initial or two. In case they would be stolen they could identify them.
5. When I was a young boy, for many years I would clean off my dirty coins with a pencil eraser. Then I would put the shiny coins in my Littleton folder by using a larger coin to force it in the tight holes of the folder. Many years later I realized I had missing mint marked

coins in some "D" and "S" holes. I scratched them off by accident. I might not have been bright, but my Indians and Lincolns sure were.

6. Who designed the Lincoln cent? Be careful. Was it:
A. Victoras Barnauskas
B. Medalllic Art Company
C. Victor David Brenner
A little known fact is Victoras Barnauskas emigrated as a Jewish Lithuanian to the US in 1890, changed his name Victor David Brenner and he solicited and received help from the Medalllic Art Company to help design the 1909 VDB Lincoln Penny.
7. You probably know Adolph A. Weinman designed not only the beautiful Walking Liberty Half obverse but also the obverse of the Silver American Eagle, or did he? Back in 1897 France produced a 50 centimes coin. K/M #854, designed by one Louis Oscar Roty that looks like an almost exact copy (obverse.) France also produced the following year, in 1898, two additional coins with the same design by Roty, the Franc - K/M #844.1 and the 2 Francs - K/M #845.1. I was unaware of this until purchasing some of the above coins. I was shocked. Known as "the sower" (of seeds) the design was still being used on some coins until at least 2001.
8. I'm sure everyone has tried soaking tokens, coins, etc. in distilled water to dislodge or remove dirt, especially on dug coins. But has it worked for you? I found it was basically worthless. I recently read an article by a professional museum curator who stated artifacts, Roman coins, etc. should be soaked in distilled water and changed at least once a day AND this process can take 6 months or MORE!! Six months? I doubt I've even soaked anything for a week let alone that

long. Maybe that is why it didn't work for me. Patience, patience, and more persistent patience.

9. California fractional gold is known in denominations of 1/4 dollar, 1/2 dollar and dollar with all 3 denominations available in both round and octagonal (8-sided) shaped coins and dates varying from 1852 to 1882.
10. The Secret Service stopped production of all California fractional in early 1883. It had been outlawed by the Private Coin Act of 1864, which had remained unenforced in California until then. Rumors claim coins were manufactured in 1883 and beyond, but were using earlier dates on the coins. Some fractional exist without dates but my research did not reveal when they were made. Estimates of around 25,000 total California fractional are believed to exist today.

(18) denominations total.
num bullion coin. Eighteen
\$50.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00,
\$5.00, \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.00,
dime, 20 cent, quarter, half
3 cent, 5 cent, half dime,
Answer to #1: 1/2 cent, 1 cent,

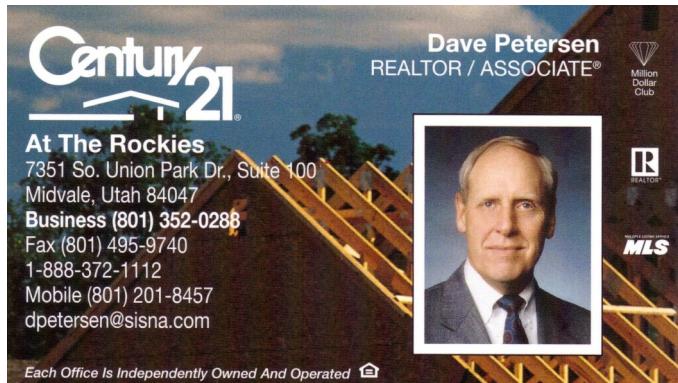
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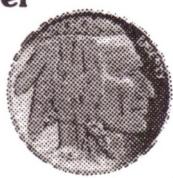
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